

# COMMITTEE REPORT

## MADAM PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Homeland Security, Transportation and Veterans Affairs, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 1, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

- 1           Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new
- 2           paragraph and insert:
- 3           "SECTION 1. IC 2-5-28 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
- 4           A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON
- 5           PASSAGE]:
- 6           **Chapter 28. Illiana Highway Proposal Review Committee**
- 7           **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "committee" refers to the Illiana**
- 8           **highway proposal review committee established by section 2 of this**
- 9           **chapter.**
- 10          **Sec. 2. The Illiana highway proposal review committee is**
- 11          **established.**
- 12          **Sec. 3. (a) The committee consists of eight (8) voting members**
- 13          **appointed as follows:**
- 14               **(1) Four (4) members of the senate, not more than two (2) of**
- 15               **whom may be from the same political party, to be appointed**
- 16               **by the president pro tempore of the senate.**
- 17               **(2) Four (4) members of the house of representatives, not**
- 18               **more than two (2) of whom may be from the same political**
- 19               **party, to be appointed by the speaker of the house of**
- 20               **representatives.**

(b) At least three (3) members appointed under subsection (a)(1) and at least three (3) members appointed under subsection (a)(2) must represent a legislative district located in whole or in part in at least one (1) of the following counties:

(1) Jasper County.

(2) Lake County.

(3) LaPorte County.

(4) Newton County.

(5) Porter County.

(6) Starke County.

(c) A vacancy on the committee shall be filled by the appointing authority.

**Sec. 4. (a)** The president pro tempore of the senate shall appoint a member of the committee to serve as chairperson of the committee from January 1 through December 31 of odd-numbered years.

(b) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint a member of the committee to serve as chairperson of the committee from January 1 through December 31 of even-numbered years.

**Sec. 5.** The committee shall do the following:

(1) Take and review testimony and information provided to the committee by the Indiana department of transportation, other state agencies or federal agencies, and the public concerning the proposed Illiana highway project.

(2) Prepare a report to be submitted to the governor and to the legislative council in electronic format under IC 5-14-6 regarding the committee's determination of whether the proposed Illiana highway project is recommended by the committee.

**Sec. 6.** The committee shall meet at the call of the chairperson.

**Sec. 7. (a)** Except as provided in subsection (b), the committee shall operate under the policies governing study committees adopted by the legislative council, including the requirement of filing an annual report in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

(b) The committee may meet at any time during the calendar year.

**Sec. 8. (a)** Five (5) members of the committee constitute a quorum.

(b) The affirmative votes of a majority of the voting members appointed to the committee are required for the committee to take action on any measure.

Sec. 9. The legislative services agency shall provide staff support for the committee.

Sec. 10. Each member of the committee appointed under this chapter is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to members of the general assembly serving on legislative study committees established by the legislative council.

Sec. 11. Representatives of the Indiana department of transportation shall testify before the committee upon request of the chairperson concerning the following:

(1) An update on the status concerning the proposed Illiana highway project.

(2) An update on a financial feasibility study concerning the proposed Illiana highway project, including the following:

(A) Projections for acquisition costs and eminent domain issues.

(B) Expected use of the proposed highway and any toll revenues.

(C) Expected construction costs.

(D) Information sufficient for the committee to evaluate the proposed highway and possible revenue returns.

(E) Any other information concerning the feasibility study requested by the committee.

(3) Information concerning the department's request for qualifications for the proposed Illiana highway project and the status of the request.

(4) The department's proposed route for the Illiana highway, including the following:

(A) Traffic projections showing expected use and relief of congestion.

(B) Alternative routes.

(C) Environmental impacts.

(D) Economic impact studies on the proposed route and affected areas.

(5) Any other information requested by the committee.

(6) Any final proposal for the Illiana highway made by the

1           **department.**

2           SECTION 2. IC 2-5-29 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
3           A **NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON**  
4           **PASSAGE]:**

5           **Chapter 29. Commerce Connector Highway Proposal Review**  
6           **Committee**

7           **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "committee" refers to the**  
8           **commerce connector highway proposal review committee**  
9           **established by section 2 of this chapter.**

10          **Sec. 2. The commerce connector highway proposal review**  
11          **committee is established.**

12          **Sec. 3. (a) The committee consists of eight (8) voting members**  
13          **appointed as follows:**

14               **(1) Four (4) members of the senate, not more than two (2) of**  
15               **whom may be from the same political party, to be appointed**  
16               **by the president pro tempore of the senate.**

17               **(2) Four (4) members of the house of representatives, not**  
18               **more than two (2) of whom may be from the same political**  
19               **party, to be appointed by the speaker of the house of**  
20               **representatives.**

21               **(b) At least three (3) members appointed under subsection (a)(1)**  
22               **and at least three (3) members appointed under subsection (a)(2)**  
23               **must represent a legislative district located in whole or in part in**  
24               **at least one (1) of the following counties:**

- 25                   **(1) Hancock County.**
- 26                   **(2) Hendricks County.**
- 27                   **(3) Johnson County.**
- 28                   **(4) Madison County.**
- 29                   **(5) Marion County.**
- 30                   **(6) Morgan County.**
- 31                   **(7) Shelby County.**

32               **(c) A vacancy on the committee shall be filled by the appointing**  
33               **authority.**

34          **Sec. 4. (a) The president pro tempore of the senate shall appoint**  
35          **a member of the committee to serve as chairperson of the**  
36          **committee from January 1 through December 31 of odd-numbered**  
37          **years.**

38          **(b) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint a**

1 member of the committee to serve as chairperson of the committee  
2 from January 1 through December 31 of even-numbered years.

3 Sec. 5. The committee shall do the following:

4 (1) Take and review testimony and information provided to  
5 the committee by the Indiana department of transportation,  
6 other state agencies or federal agencies, and the public  
7 concerning the proposed commerce connector highway  
8 project.

9 (2) Prepare a report to be submitted to the governor and to  
10 the legislative council in electronic format under IC 5-14-6  
11 regarding the committee's determination of whether the  
12 proposed commerce connector highway project is  
13 recommended by the committee.

14 Sec. 6. The committee shall meet at the call of the chairperson.

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16 shall operate under the policies governing study committees  
17 adopted by the legislative council, including the requirement of  
18 filing an annual report in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

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20 year.

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22 (b) The affirmative votes of a majority of the voting members  
23 appointed to the committee are required for the committee to take  
24 action on any measure.

25 Sec. 9. The legislative services agency shall provide staff support  
26 for the committee.

27 Sec. 10. Each member of the committee appointed under this  
28 chapter is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel  
29 allowances paid to members of the general assembly serving on  
30 legislative study committees established by the legislative council.

31 Sec. 11. Representatives of the Indiana department of  
32 transportation shall testify before the committee upon request of  
33 the chairperson concerning the following:

34 (1) An update on the status of the proposed commerce  
35 connector highway project.

36 (2) An update on a financial feasibility study concerning the  
37 proposed commerce connector highway, including the  
38 following:

- 1           **(A) Projections for acquisition costs and eminent domain**
- 2           **issues.**
- 3           **(B) Expected use of the proposed highway and any toll**
- 4           **revenues.**
- 5           **(C) Expected construction costs.**
- 6           **(D) Information sufficient for the committee to evaluate**
- 7           **the proposed highway and possible revenue returns.**
- 8           **(E) Any other information concerning the feasibility study**
- 9           **requested by the committee.**
- 10          **(3) Information concerning the department's request for**
- 11          **qualifications for the proposed commerce connector highway**
- 12          **and the status of the request.**
- 13          **(4) The department's proposed route for the commerce**
- 14          **connector highway, including the following:**
  - 15               **(A) Traffic projections showing expected use and relief of**
  - 16               **congestion.**
  - 17               **(B) Alternative routes.**
  - 18               **(C) Environmental impacts.**
  - 19               **(D) Economic impact studies on the proposed route and**
  - 20               **affected areas, including an economic impact study on**
  - 21               **Marion County.**
  - 22               **(5) Any other information requested by the committee.**
  - 23               **(6) Any final proposal for the commerce connector highway**
  - 24               **made by the department."**

25          Page 7, after line 29, begin a new paragraph and insert:

26          "SECTION 8. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] **(a) As used in this**

27          **SECTION, "committees" refers to the Illiana highway proposal**

28          **review committee established by IC 2-5-28, as added by this act,**

29          **and the commerce connector highway proposal review committee**

30          **established by IC 2-5-29, as added by this act.**

31               **(b) Initial appointments to the committees shall be made not**

32          **later than June 1, 2007.**

- 1        **(c) This SECTION expires December 31, 2008.**
- 2        **SECTION 9. An emergency is declared for this act."**
- 3        Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.  
(Reference is to SB 1 as introduced.)

**and when so amended that said bill do pass.**

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 3.

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**Chairperson**